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HOUSE BILL NO. 635

96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES SILVEY (Sponsor), HOUGH, GATSCHENBERGER, CARTER,
COLONA, HUMMEL, NASHEED, HINSON, RICHARDSON, WEBB, McNEIL, SCHARNHORST,
HODGES, TALBOY, CONWAY (27) AND NICHOLS (Co-sponsors).

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 85, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to paid members of any fire department or fire district.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 85, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 85.015, to read as follows:

3 **85.015. No political subdivision shall restrict any paid member of a fire department**
4 **or fire district from becoming a candidate for public office as the terms "candidate" and**
5 **"public office" are defined under section 130.011, or from supporting or opposing any**
6 **political party, candidate or petition while off duty and not in uniform, except that a paid**
7 **member of a fire department or fire district shall not qualify as a candidate for public**
8 **office in the political subdivision in which the fire department or fire district is located**
9 **unless otherwise authorized by local or state law, statute, charter, ordinance, or order.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.